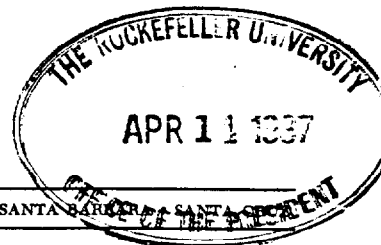


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Dear Josh,

More on the phylogeny of you and your friends. When Betty was reading your letter and my reply, she noticed that I had not corrected my lineage. I was supervised (in his wonderfully informal manner) by Lester Barth, not Arthur Pollister. But again, Arthur had a great influence not only scientifically but also personally. On one memorable occasion, when the campus medical office had concluded I had malnutrition with vitamin deficiency, he took me over to Frank's in Harlem and fed me a huge steak and mound of fried potatoes!

During the years when I was an undergraduate and graduate student, a large proportion of graduate students worked with Barth. The 1930s were a decade when hopes were high in experimental embryology. It was later that Arthur had all of those talented students.

Betty also reminded me that Donald Lancefield suggested that Barry Commoner's chances for a career in science would be improved if he went to Harvard for graduate work rather than stay at Columbia. Barry, like you, did fine work as an undergraduate. He was greatly stimulated by Arthur Pollister.

The case of your going to Yale and Barry to Harvard is sad indeed. It was generally recognized, by those frequent estimates of relative standing beginning in the 1890s, that the old Department of Zoology at Columbia was the finest in the land for the research of its faculty members and the training provided to its graduate students. In fact the Department continued to be given that rating well after the time it had begun its decline.

Betty also said that I should check my letters for typos before they are sent. She has the unfounded belief that I could catch them and make the necessary corrections. Hah!

Dear John

Thank you for the P.S.

I just saw Barry at Queens College.
And Seymour Fazel recounted that
he was never able to persuade
Donald Lancefield about crossing
in bacteria.

Josh

My best,

John A. Moore

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found.